EUROPE.

The Alabama Claims Question Before the British Peers.

Earl Russell and the Lord Chancellor on Mr. Seward's Position.

Mr. Disraeli on the Conspiracy Against the Church.

The Junard mail steamship Australasian, Captain McMicken, which left Liverpool at eleven A. M. on the 28th and Queenstown on the 29th of March, arrived at this port yesterday morning, bringing a mail report, in detail of our cable despatches, dated to her day of sailing from Liverpool.

ENGLAND.

The Alabama Claims-Earl Russell in Defende of the English Position-What Does Mr. ward Really Ask?

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In the House of Lords on the 27th of March Earl
Pussell said:—Irise for the purpose of calling your
lordships' attention to the commission on the Neutrailty laws and of moving for any further correspondence that may have taken place between this
government and the American government respecting the Alabama and other claims. My object in so
doing is that we may avoid failing into an error just
the opposite of that into which many members of
both Houses of Parliament were disposed to fall a
few years ago. During the progress of the civil war
in America it was evident that a considerable number of members were hardly prepared to perform in
good faith all the duties of neutrality towards the
timed States and to abstain from everything to
which that government could justly take exception. I
remember that when on one occasion I had mentioned the "so-called Confederate States" a noble
lord, then in opposition, said I might just as well
have spoken of the "so-called United States," and
the same noble lord indulged in a panegyric upon
Mr. Laird, who, in my view, was usurping the prerogative of the Crown and endeavoring to inake war on
his own account, thereby running the risk of involving this country in nestities. It will also be remembered that, in the presence of a large company of
members of the House of Commons, Mr. Laird said
he was proud of having flitted out the Alabama, and
much preferred being the builder of that vessel to
having made such a speech as Mr. Bright had recently delivered. Moreover, some noble friends of
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of their property should come to us for redress.
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Mr. Adams, remarking upon this, said:—

So long as the heavy list of depredations upon American commerce consequent upon the lasue of a succession of hostile cruisers, built, litted out, armed, manned and navigated from British peris, continues to weight upon their minds it would be the height of assurance to expect any common legis-

Jation.

Upon this Lord Clarendon, in a letter dated the 2d of December, 1865, remarked:—

It is, nevertheless, my duty in closing this correspondence to observe that no armed vessel departed during the war from a British port to cruise against the commerce of the United

Thus, while there was an agreement respecting the law of the case there was the widest difference with respect to the facts. The noble lord who now holds the seais of the Foreign Office differed from me, inasmuch as he thought it would be wise to submit the question to arbitration. I did not anticipate any great advantages from such a course, but I saw no reason whatever against his adopting it if he believed it would lead to beneficial results. But as to the questions to be submitted to arbitration, I own I cannot concar with her Majesty's present government. It seems to me that Mr. Adams having stated that a succession of hostile cruisers, manned and armed by this country, had been sent out to prey upon the commerce of the United States, and Lord Clarendon having distinctly denied that assertion, the first thing for an arbiter or for any commission that might be appointed to investigate would be the facts. If it was found that there had been arraed vessels, or even if there had been vessels built and equipped in this country that had gone out to prey on the commerce of the United States, it would then become a substantive question to ascertain whether there had been any want of due diligence on the part of the government of this country. In the meantime it would seem to be useless to place so vague a question before an arbiter of chart which had been done during the war. Evidently that would be an entirely independent question. I know not in what manner any arbiter or commission could proceed unless first to ascertain the facts of the case. * I own it seems to me that we have aiready in spirit yone far enough in our newtrality laws. It would be a wise precaution to give greater power to the executive government over a rmed vessels attempting to leave our coast for belligerent purposes. But if we were by treaty or by law of the realm to impose such further obligations as i have just mentioned, and if we, as a ship building contrary, engaged to stop unarmed vessels from leaving our coast, that would be a danger

tion of these claims. If I rightly understand the noble eart, he doubts which he suggested as to arbitration of that kind were really only two. The noble eart, as I understood him, said that the case upon our side as regards these claims was an extremely claim of the said of the sa

The Lord Chancellor wished to correct two errors into which his noble and learned friend had inadvertently fallen and which, if left unnoticed, might create some misapprehension elsewhere. His noble and learned friend had put a very ingenious construction upon the demand made on the part of the United States government by Mr. Seward. All he could say was that the explanation which his noble and learned friend had offered had never been given by Mr. Seward himself, and for this very good reason, that if all that was desired was that the premature recognition, as it was termed, of a state of beligerency was to be made a topic of evidence before the arbitrator going to support claims in other respects, that was not a thing to be stipulated for who was the judge of what was relevant and what was not. It was a thing unheard of that a submission to arbitration should contain a reference to what was to be adduced in evidence before the arbitrator. The other error he desired to correct was the statement of his noble and learned friend that the negotiations had broken off. The exact point at which they stood was this:—Mr. Seward's last communication contained a proposal in somewhat general terms of a commission to inquire into all the claims. His noble friend had requested Mr. Seward's explanation. (Hear, hear.)

Premier Disraell on the Church Crisis—Cabl-

met Attempt at a "No Popery" Agitation— The Union of Church and State. When the Australasian left Liverpool the position taken by Mr. Disraedi in regard to the Irish Church was producing a cry of "No Popery" in some quarters, and the following letter, addressed by the Premier to Lord Dartmouth, as President of the National Union of Conservatives and the Constitutual Associations, was attracting attention. He says:—

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My Lord—I have received with pride and gratitude the memorial of the Conneil of the National Union of the Constitutional Associations connected with that body, in which they express their confidence in me and their thorough determination to support by all means in their power the government I have formed by the command and with the approval of her Majeaty. Such expressions of feeling on the part of influential bodies of my countrymen are encouragingly opportune. We have heard something lately of the crisis of Ireland. In my opinion the crisis of England is rather at hand; for the purpose is now avowed, and that by a powerful party, of destroying that sacred union between Church and State which has hitherto been the chief means of our civilization and is the only security for our religious liberty. I have the honor to remain, my lord, yours, sincerely,

The Right Honorable the Eart of Dartinouth.

Disraell Endorsed by Lord Derby.

Viscount Nevill forwarded for publication the following letter, addressed by Lord Derby to the Earl of Dartmouth, in reference to a resolution passed by the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations, expressive of regret at his retirement from public life:—

St. Janes' Square, March 27, 1888.

My Lord—I have to acknowledge with the liveliest gratitude the address which your lordsilp has done me the honor of transmitting to me constitutional possible and the numerous constitution shalf of the National Union and the numerous constitutions their regret at my retirement from office, and their hope that I should be enabled to take a part in the political business of the country. It is not without to plate the business of the country. It is not without to be step, that I found myself compelled to ask permission to withdraw from the service debted; and to sever my official connection with a party which for so many years has hone or the with its confidence, and for many members of which I me with its confidence, and for many members of which I me with its confidence, and for many members of which I me with its confidence, and for many members of which I me with its confidence, and for many members of which I me with its confidence, and for boiling to one whose co-operation and friendship had enjoyed for more than twenty years, and who, I am persitutional principles which it has been the of those great constitutional principles which it has been the up of my life to not cease to give my earnest though unofficial support. I have the honor to be, my lord, your obliged and faithful servant.

DERBY.

The Rarl of DARTMOUTH.

The Cabinet "Change of Front"-Cause and

The Cabinet "Change of Front"—Cause and Danger of the Movement.

The London Times, speaking of the Cabinet tactics, says it is an axiom of war that a change of front in the face of an enemy is a dangerous expedient which should never be attempted except in cases of extreme necessity. Mr. Disraell has more than once approved this axiom as equally true in political life. Yet Mr. Disraell's administration yesterday effected this doubtful movement. Lord Stanley's movement is entirely at variance with Mr. Disraell's previous attatements of the policy of the Cabinet. At the beginning of the week Mr. Disraell declared his intentior to meet Ms. Gladstone's resolutions in a

he yielded to the temptation of addressing a constitutional nobleman in a manifesto designed to
raily round himself all the friends of the
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English Crisis, and the maintenance of the Irish Establishment was essential to the continued existence
of the Church of England. No spark of enthusiasm
had been evoked by this appeal. The crisis was
alarming, and a change of front was determined
upon and has been adopted at all hazards. Lord
stanley's amendment breathes no open defence of
Mr. Gladstone's policy. It admits the possible expediency of modification, and asks only that the
question of disestablishment or disendowment should
be reserved for the decision of a new Parliament.
The London Times adds:—"We are reluctant to say
that Lord Stanley's amendment, or, to speak more
strictly, the amendment Lord Stanley has fathered,
is dangerous, but there is no other word applicable
to it. The government have sought to escape from
a critical position by the dexterous use of ambiguous
words.

Presbyterian Collegiate Education.

In the House of Lords on the 28th ultimo the Opulsory Church Rates Abolition bill was read for first time, and the second reading was fixed for 30th of March.

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In the House of Commons on the same evening Mr. Fawcett gave notice that at an early day after Easter he should move the following resolution:

That is the opinion of this House the Roman Catholics, Presbyterians and other inhabitants of Ireland ought to be placed upon an equality with those of the Established Chuch, and that all the fellowships, professorahips and scolarships of Trinity College, Dublin, should be removed.

Mr. Fawcett said he intended also to move for a select committee with the view of administering and arranging the revenues of that college, so that it should more properly fulfil the functions of a national university. The House went into committee on the army estimates, and a number of votes were agreed to without discussion.

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Sir John Pakington indignantly repudiated the in-sinuation that the government was indifferent to the volunteer movement. On the contrary, they felt the utmost admiration for the zeal and patriotism of the volunteers, and if they had consulted their personal inclinations they would have readily complied with the applications made to him: but they were obliged to consider the demands which at the present time were made upon the public purse, and to take into consideration the increased amount of the estimates this year.

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On the evening of the 25th of March the Premier and Mrs. Disraeli held a grand reception in that wing of the new government offices in Downing street, London, which will in the future be devoted to the purposes of the Foreign Office. The affair was of a most brilliant description and the occasion of the gathering together of the principal notabilities of the British metropolis. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge and the principal foreign ambassadors, including Mr. Adams, United States Minister, were present during the evening. This was the first reception given by Mr. Disraeli since his ejection to the post of Premier.

The Cotton Trade.

On the 26th ult. a numerous deputation representing all branches of the cotton trade, and headed by Mr. Bazley, M. P. for Manchester, waited on the Duke of Richmond, President of the English Board of Trade, to again urge the government to introduce into Parliament a bill providing for the periodical collection and publication of cotton staffstics. Various arguments were adduced in support of the movement. The Duke of Richmond concurred in the opinion that the subject was one of great importance, and intimated his intention to bring the matter before the Eabinet, with whom its treatment must rest.

THE COURTS.

SUPREME COURT-GENERAL TERM.

The Eric Litigation-Conclusion of the Argument on the Appeals.

Before Judes Barnard, Ingraham and Cardozo. Yesterday morning Mr. David Dudley Field apeared at the Supreme Court, General Term, before Judges Barnard, Ingraham and Cardozo, to close the argument on the appeals from orders made at Special Term in the great Erie Railway itigation. The main portion of this argument was, of course, devoted to the discussion of the principal appeal, which was that taken from the order of Mr. Justice Barnard appointing George A. Osgood receiver of the proceeds of \$10,000,000 worth of Erie stock, alleged to have been issued in violation of an injunction.

Mr. Field argued that if the proceedings on which the appointment of Mr. Osgood was made were regular his opponents should have directed some portion of their argument to maintaining this point on the preceding day.

Mr. Charles A. Rapallo objected to Mr. Field raising this question now, as under the ruling of the court on Tuesday they were restricted as to the time to be devoted to the argument, and it was not fair to call upon them now to go further on that question.

Mr. Field resumed, and argued that the appointment of the receiver was made without proper grounds, and it was an unusual exercise of the power of the court, even if Mr. Skidmore, on whom the papers were served in court, could be conventioned. argument on the appeals from orders made at Special

Mr. Field resumed, and argued that the appointment of the receiver was made without proper grounds, and it was an unusual exercise of the power of the court, even if Mr. Skidmore, on whom the papers were served in court, could be considered as representing the Erie Rallway Company, Mr. Skidmore had never been charged with having possession of the money, and the affidavits showed that the company never had it, and the order was made without notice to any person in whose possession the funds then were. Still, if the parties who had the money were then before the court no case for the appointment of a receiver had been made out. Plaintiff acknowledged that the stock charged to have been issued in excess was issued in conversion of bonds which had been issued for the purposes of the company, and such issue of bonds was allowed by the general raliroad law. But it was said to have been issued in violation of an injunction. Now, was it the injunction in the suit of the people, or was it some other injunction? It would be a new doctrine to assert that a violation of an injunction in one suit may be avenged by the plaintiff in another suit when the parties to that suit do not complain. There was no evidence to show that the stock was issued in violation of the injunction in the Schell suit. The statute provided that there must be a regular contempt proceeding to punish for the violation of an injunction, and it could not be grounds for the appointment of a receiver in any case. But without any reference to the merits of the proceeding the injunction granted by Judge Clerke, and which was brought to the notice of the court and counsel on the day the order was made was an insuperable obstacle; that injunction was treated with contemptuous disregard, and had it not been for the discretion of counsel the court would have vacated the order at once, instead of disregarding it. But to go back to the 14th of March, and consider what occurred on the proceedings in the matter of the strate of the court to say whether such a thing

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

The Gould Contempt Onse—Important Question Concerning a Chair—Judge Barnard Declines to Hear the Case.

Before Judge Barnard.

A large crowd of persons assembled yesterday afternoon in the Supreme Court, Circuit room, in anticipation of further developments in the contempt proceedings against Jay Gould, one of the directors of the Eric Railway Company, who had been attached for violation of the injunction in the suit of Richard Schell versus the Eric Railway Company. The contempt alleged consists in the participation by the defendant in the issue on the such of March last of about \$10,000,000 worth of Eric stock, in violation of the injunction. Every available inch of space was occupied in the court room, as it was expected that Mr. Dudley Field would be placed upon the witness stand, and would give the other version of the incidents related in the estimony of John B. Haskin, reported in the Hismald of yesterday. Many prominens public officers, railway attaches, semi-oficials and quidentemed work on hand and a grand time generally was expected, as it was believed that all the partice would be fully prepared to renow the impromit contest of the preceding day.

Upon Judge Barnard taking his seat Mr. Horace F. Clark asked the court to direct one of the officers to bring him a clair.

Judge Barnard had determined that Instead of this some gentleman whom he had a right to consult he Gudge Barnard had determined that Instead of this

examination taking place before him as an officer of the court, the parties should make affidavits before some suitable person as referee, and that upon their being brought into court such portions of the testimony as were relevant to the contempt case of Jay Gould would be considered, and those not relevant would be disregarded and thrown aside.

Mr. Pierrepont wished to know what disposition would be made of the testimony already taken.

The Court—The testimony already taken.

The Court—The testimony that was taken of "Judge" Haskin yesterday was, to use the language of a gentleman I have just left, outrageous and scandalous, and should be stricken out as a mark of respect for the court.

Mr. Pierrepont inquired whether the whole of it was to be stricken out.

Judge Barnard—Yes, the whole of it.

Mr. Clark thought they were entitled to such portions of the testimony as were relevant.

Mr. Pierrepont said that as they had gone on taking some testimony—the testimony of Mr. Edwards, for instance—he wished to know whether his Honor would make any order in reference to that.

Judge Barnard—If the counset appearing for the people desired to examine Mr. Edwards on affidavit they could do so, the same as the other witnesses.

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Mr. Pierrepont saked what was not one with the examination of Mr. Haskin, yesterday, that gentleman had testified to circumstances connected with a conversation between himself and Mr. Dudley Field, and he thought it would be only proper that Mr. Field should have the same opportunity of making his public statement of that affair as had been given to Mr. Haskin

ment of that affair as had been given to Mr. Haskin, and they were entitled to that as a matter of right and justice.

Mr. Clark regretted that Mr. Field was not to be allowed to go on the witness stand as he desired as earnestly as Mr. Pierrepont did to have the opportunity of examining Mr. Field.

Mr. Pierrepont said that was what he wanted.

Judge Barnard stated that that was what he did not want. He had already been busily engaged during the day in the other court room, and did not intend to sit here to gratify impertinent curiosity.

Mr. Clark said he called Mr. Haskin yesterday as a winess to ask him no questions that were not relevant to the contempt case. There had been testimony adduced on that examination which was scandalous, but he had not brought it out and was not responsible for it. All that remained to be done now was that his Honor should appoint some honorable, high minded man, against whom each party should have no objection, before whom this examination could be had, so that either party might have the right to an ex parte examination. He thought Mr. Brady and himself could agree upon some such suitable person as referee.

Judge Barnard said an examination of the parties before a referce was not necessary, until such time as the witness refused to give his testimony. In regard to the examination of Mr. Field, he (Mr. Field, ould make his affidavit ex parte, and would have the same publicity given to his testimony as had been given to that taken yesterday,

Mr. Brady said he appeared this afternoon exclusively to attend to the examination of Mr. Field, course should be taken. He had come to take charge of Mr. Fields, case, and as regards whatever had happened he took the whole resonsibility of it. It belonged to him exclusively—every question, every suggestion, as it would also belong to him hereafter. He simply asked now that Mr. Field have the opportunity to be heard in the matter publicly, as the other witnesses had been.

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Mr. Clark, in reply, said that he would give Mr. Brady a promise that if he lived he (Mr. Brady) should have the opportunity of examining Mr. Field before a referee, if they could agree upon a gentleman who should be acceptable, and concluded by asking the court that an order be entered which would enable them to secure the attendance of Mr. Jay Gould on the examination to be had, or he might not be in custody when required for the purposes of the case. One of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas had issued a writ of habeas corpus requiring cause to be shown why Mr. Gould should be held to ball, and after having him brought before the court had him committed to the custody of an officer of the Court of Common Pleas, who had let him run away. Mr. Gould did not appear before that court yesterday on the hearing of that case, but was reported to be in Albany. He merely desired, so far as he was concerned, that nothing should be wanting to compet the parties to answer for this extraordinary effort to bring into contempt the administration of justice in this great State.

Judge Barnard, in reply to Mr. Field, who asked for the appointment of a referee, said that he had made the only order in the case he would make today, and that the matter would now stand adjourned until Thursday next at three o'clock P. M.

The crier adjourned the court, and the large (and largely disappointed) audience withdrew.

The Dissolution of the Erie Injunctions to be

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Before Judge Sutherland. Richard Schell vs. The Eric Railway Company et al., &c.—A number of motions in the Eric litigation were on the calendar of this court yesterday, and on this case being called Mr. Dudley Field answered,

"Ready for the motion."

Mr. Vanderpoel, who appeared on behalf of the Vanderbilt party, stated that he was not prepared to proceed owing to the absence of some of the counsel associated with him, Mr. Fullerton being then engaged in trying a case at the Circuit, and he wished to know whether his Honor would reach this case in its regular order. in its regular order.

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Mr. Field said he understood there were about six-teen counsel engaged on Mr. Vanderpoel's side of the case, and he did not think that the absence of one of them was a reason why the case should be adjourned. Judge Sutherland said the case then before him, and which was unfinished from the preceding day, would occupy about two hours, and that another case was ready which would occupy the remainder of the day.

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Mr. Field asked that the motions might be set down for to-day, when Mr. Vanderpoet desired to know whether the court intended to sit on Good Friday.

The court said that Judge Ingraham had said that Chambers was sometimes held on Good Friday, but he could not teil whether such holding of court referred to literated motions.

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After a little further colloquial exercise, in which allusions were made to the court over which Pontius Pilate presided on the day of which this is the anniversary, the motions were placed on the calendar for to-day.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-CHAMBERS.

The Erie Litigation-The Gould Contempo Case—Habeas Corpus Proceedings. Before Judge Barrett.

The People ex rel. Jay Gould vs. The Sheriff of the City and County of New York.—This case, which was adjourned owing to the absence of the relator, came adjourned owing to the absence of the relator, came up for hearing this morning at the sitting of the court. Messrs. Burrill, D. Dudley Field and J. T. Brady were counsel for Mr. Gould, and Messrs. Fullerton, Vanderpoel and Rapallo for the Sheriff. Mr. Vanderpoel inquired whether Mr. Gould was in court.

Mr. Burrill observed that he did not know whether the court had been informed with regard to Mr. Gould being detained by illness.

The Court—That matter was referred to yesterday, and affidavits were read in corroboration of the statement.

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Mr. Burrill said that all that could be done was to let the matter stand over until Mr. Gould could be got here. Mr. Gould, owing to his illness, was not in a condition to leave Albany. The other side of course had a right to decline proceeding with the investigation in his absence. He did not know whether the other side disputed the fact of Mr. Gould's illness.

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Mr. Vanderpoel—We dispute the right of Mr. Gould to leave the jurisdiction of the court.

Mr. Burrill read the statute to the effect that sickness was a sufficient excuse for absence in such cases.

Judge Barrett, referring to the conduct of the officer who had been deputed to go to Albany to arrest Mr. Gould, said—The position of the officer was this: he telegraphed to the effect that Mr. Gould was sick in bed in his room, and that there were two physicians attending him. He asked me whether he (the officer) should come to New York to make a statement to that effect. I received the telegram at twelve o'clock at night. I immediately telegraphed to the officer, stating that he had done wrong in going out of the county, that I was surprised he went to Albany, and as it was that it would be entirely in proper to come back to New York, because in doing so he would be giving up the custody of Mr. Gould. I therefore directed him, as he had done wrong and by way of making amends, to keep the prisoner in his close custody, and if he wished to prove his statement is must be done by some other person than himself. As soop as the officer returns I shall be very much included to take the prisoner out of his custody. He had placed me in a very embarrassing position in the whole matter.

After some discussion the case was adjourned till Saturday morning.

Important Decision—A Bankrupt Charged with Swearing Falsely as to His Property—His

Swearing Falsely as to His Property—His Application for Discharge Refused.

Before Judge Blatchford.

Refine Matter of William D. Hill, Bankrupt.—
Judge Blatchford yesterday morning rendered a decision in the above mentioned case. The discharge of the bankrupt is opposed by William S. Preston, a creditor. The specifications in opposition filed by the creditor aver that "the evidence aketh before the Register shows beyond all reasonable doubt that the bankrupt has wilfully omitted from his sworn and filed schedule and inventories property which in truth and fact belonged to him at the time of making his said schedule and inventories—to wilk a certain house and lot, situated in the village of Kingston, claimed to like been purchased by his wife of Joremiah Russell. The Judge, with reference to the above, says:—The bankrupt and his wife and other witnesses flave been examamined. I have carefully gone over their testimony and am entirely satisfied that the allegations of the specifications above referred to are fully proved. The case is one of a deliberate attempt by the bankrupt to defrand his creditors and yet procure a disolarge from his debts. He has willuily sworn faisely in his affidavit annexed to his inventory of property, and on his examination before the Register, in the

course of the proceedings in bankruptcy, in regard to material facts concerning the property owned by him at the time of filing his petition in bankruptcy, he has concealed his property by covering it up in he name of his wife and has been guitty of fraud, contrary to the Bankruptcy act, by not delivering to his assignee property belonging to him at the time of ling his petition and inventory, and which he was not permitted to retain under the provisions of the ct, and has made a fraudulent gift or transfer of property to his wife, contrary to the provisions of he act.

Petitions Filed Yesterday Charles P. Levy, Poughkeepsie, Dutoh teferred to Register Beale. Stoner S. Haight, New York city—Re ister Fitch.

ter Dwight.

Joseph Murphy, New York city—Referred to Register Ketchum.

SUPREME COURT-GENERAL TERM.

The Right of Citizens to See the Public Records

Denied—The Cornell Mandamus Reversed. Before Judges Barnard, Ingraham and Sutherland. The People, ex rel. Henry, vs. Charles G. Cornell, Street Commissioner, &c.—Yesterday, the appeal made by Mr. O'Gorman, Corporation Counsel, from the order made by Judge Barnard granting to a citizen the right to inspect the papers in the office of Street Commissioner Cornell came on to be heard. It will be remembered that on September 6, 1868, Mr. Richard M. Henry, a member of the Citizens' Association, appeared in the Supreme Court and made an anidavit that he had applied to the Street Commissioner for leave to see and inspect certain contracts in the Street Department relating to the public works of the city and that the Street Commissioner refused to allow him to inspect them. Judge Barnard thereupon granted a mandamus requiring the Street Commissioner to permit Mr. Henry to see those contracts or show cause to the contracts of the court. The Street Commissioner appeared in court and made an affidavit admitting that he had charge of the contracts for the benefit of the city and its citizens; that Mr. Henry had asked to see all the contracts for the benefit of the city and its citizens; that Mr. Henry had asked to see all the contracts for the contracts in his office might be destroyed if any citizen could come in and see them whenever he chose; also that it would keep a larger number of clerks and more office room to accommodate such persons, if their right to see the contracts was established. Judge Barnard, however, decided that the Street Commissioner was bound to show the contracts in his office to Mr. Henry, thus establishing the right of any citizen to examine the public acts and records of the city officials. Mr. O'Gorman appealed from Judge Barnard's decision, and the argument of appeal was heard yesterday morning. Corporation Counsel O'Gorman appeared for the late street Commissioner, Mr. Cornell, and Joseph F. Daly, the counsel of the Citizens' Association, appeared in support of the decision.

After full argument the court reversed the order below, thus deciding that the citizens had not the right to such inspection. Richard O'Gorman for appellants; J. F. Daly for respondent.

The Gas Contract of the Common Council—The Injunction Appealed From. Christopher Pullman vs. The Mayor, &c., the Com-

mon Council and the Street Commissioner.—In 1866 the Common Council of this city passed over the Mayor's veto a resolution directing the Street Comsals and make a contract to supply the city with gas. From the terms of the resolution and other facts it was understood that this contract was to be made with some new gas company and for a long period. Mr. Pullman, who was then a member of the Common Council, protested against this resolumade with some new gas company and for a long period. Mr. Pullman, who was then a member of the Common Council, protested against this resolution, on the ground that it would authorize and was intended to authorize a contract for twenty years, binding the city to pay over \$1,000,000 a year for a supply of gas; that at the then high price of gas and coal (1866) it would be wasteful and ruinous to make a twenty years contract. Finally Mr. Pullman, failing to stop the scheme in the Common Council, applied to the Supreme Court for an injunction to restrain the making of such a contract. Judge Barhard granted the injunction, and this injunction has been held ever since. Mr. O'Gorman, the Corporation Counsel, who opposed the injunction in the first instance, now brings an appeal from it to the General Term, and the argument on it was had to-day before a full bench (Judges Ingraham, Cardozo and Barnard). Mr. O'Gorman argued on behalf of the Common Council that Mr. Pullman had no standing in court and no right to bring this suit and obtain the injunction, because the act of the Legislature which authorized him to brifth the suit was unconstitutional. Mr. Charles Tracy and Mr. Joseph F. Daly, for Mr. Pullman, argued in favor of retaining the injunction and in support of the law of 1864 (chapter 806), under which any member of the Common Council or other citizen may proceed to suit to restrain any unlawful waste of the public moneys.

SUPREME COURT-SPECIAL TERM.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Controversy—A Receiver of the Pro-ceeds of the New Stock Appointed.

James Fisk, Jr., vs. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company et al. - Judge Cardozo yesterday rendered the following opinion and decision on the motions in this case, which were argued

before him about two weeks since:extended field of discussion in which they indulged on argument of the motions in these cases. The

on argument of the motions in these cases. The statement of a very few plain and well recognized propositions is all that is necessary to dispose of the questions really involved. My views may be briefly expressed as follows:—

First—Even if my reflection and examination led me to a different opinion (which they do not), I should not feel at liberty to deny the existence of the jurisdiction which it is sought to have the court entertain in these actions, since the point has been fully and distinctly decided by the General Term of this court in Griffith vs. Scott, cited on the argument. My views accord with that decision; but in any event I should consider myself bound to follow it. In that case Judge ingraham said, "I think there can be no doubt but that a citizen of this State can maintain an action against a foreign corporation." Judge Leonard in the same case held that this court 'has not the power to remove or appoint the trustees or directors of a foreign corporation, but it can enjoin their action when illegal or when acting fraudaiently or unlawfully if they are personally within our jurisdiction." These remarks are apposite to the present suits and dispose of the point as to jurisdiction raised by the defendants' counsel.

Second—The issue of forty-nine thousand shares complained of was ultra vires. Neither the corporation nor its directors had in any view the right to make certificates purporting to represent capital stock, which had not in fact been subscribed and paid for, and to put them in the market as stock and sell them at fitty per cent or any greater discount. It is not a question of good faith or of honest intention or of wise policy or skiriful or discreet management upon the part of the directors; it is question of power. Every paper issued purporting to represent stock which had in fact no existence was a false certificate, and the directors are not authorized to make false certificates. No such power attaches to their order, and the stocknolders have the right to complain that they have a

COURT CALENDAR-THIS DAY.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—IN ADMIRALTY.—
NOS. 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33.
SUTREME COURT—CHARBERS.—NOS. 77, 101, 104, 117, 121, 122, 123, 125, 120, 127, 131, 130, 147, 148, 151, 15915, 124.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

marts, both in this city and Brooklyn, be erable. The general features of the market

about the same—prices lair, binding moderate and an increasing indifference, foreboding an early close of the season, being the main characteristics. Below are given the sales:—
BY A. J. BLEECKER, SON AND GO.

Mansion and 4 acres, Spuyten Duyvil, Meyer Goodkind, \$22,500 Brown stone bouse and dot, 115 East 25th st, 21.0½,1½ block, John Curtis.

Frame house and 4 lots n s 75th st, 70 ft w 3d av, each 23; ½ block, Alexander Raizky.

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The following sales were made at the com, Brooklyn:— Footh, Brookly II:—

Srick house and lot \$24 Washington st, 175 ft from Joson st, lot 16,8x70.5, Mr Burrows.

Four gores and one frame house on Douglass st, n

One lot on the es of Houston st, 424 ft n of Myrtis av, 20x109, A Seranello.

Two story frame bouse and lot, w s of Bedford av, 40 ft n of Van Buren st, lot 2x20, Mr Sweeny.

Frame house and lot on Pulaski st, near Reld av, lot 22 x100, Mr Martin.

Jots on Quincy st, 100 ft from Nostrand av, each 25x 100, Robert Donald.

Two story frame house and lot No 86 North 5th st, 6. ft

Two story frame house and 4 lots, 40 ft on Lafayette as and 30 ft on Koschako s, 158 ft from Bedford aw, E Cosgrave.

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Three story brick house and to 11 W Baitte st, 535 ft from Cilinton st, 1ot 21,255 lb, J Brandon

Two story frame house and lot 51 Orange st, near Henry lot 22x(b) rick house and lot 51 Orange st, near Henry lot 22x(b) rick house and lot 50 Jay st, corner Prospect, lot 22x(b), J G Migham.

Official Transfers of Real Estate. We give below a list of the official transfers and leases recorded yesterday in this city, Kings county,

N. Y., and Hudson county, N. J., and in Westches county on Wednesday: err, Nos 305 and 307, 1/2 part.

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th th, No 323, 1/2 part.

al st, No 381, 65 l1219 4x64.2x18.11.

st, No 189, 2-6473.5.

50th st, n s, 75 ft w of 2d av. 40x100.5.

4th st, s, 478 ft e of av A, 304.425x102.2x26x94.8;x46.7

78th st and lat av, s w cor, 25x100.

15th st, n s, 97.6 ft e of 3d av, 17.1x100.10.

Lot No 2 Delancey estate, 34x100.

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Lot 232, 644, 455 Benson's estate.

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Attorney st, No 171, store and basement, 3 years, per yr.

Bowery, Nos 145, 145;a and 147, 8 years, per year.

Gold st, No 55, 6 years, per year.

Hudson st, No 153, 1 year.

Lewis st, No 22 ft st floor and basement, 3 years, per yr.

Water st, No 256, 5 years, per year.

Sth st, No 154, 5 years, per year.

3d av, No 350, 4 years, per year.

4th av, No 350, 4 years, per year.

4th av, No 850 and 325, 10 years, per year.

4th av, No 82, 5 years, per year.

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Av B, No 163, 3 years, per year.

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Broadway and Walton st, n w cor, 22.2x60.2x70.8x55.6.

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Even st, e s, 30 ft s of Varet st, 90.250
Hall st, e s, 30 ft s of Varet st, 90.250
Hall st, e s, 30 ft s of Green av, 20x100. 10,400
Hewes st, n s, 122.5 ft w of Harriston av, 44.8x100. 1,450
High st, No 81. 6,500
Hooper st, e s, 100 ft w of Marcy av, 22.5x100. 798
Houston st, w s, 191.8 ft n of Willoughby av, 100x100. 5,200
Main st, No 91. 8 ft n of Willoughby av, 100x100. 5,200
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